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COOPERATION IN R AND D WITH INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's R&D efforts with industry are very meagre ;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan of the Government to increase cooperation with industry in the research efforts;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether CSIR and other organizations of Government have approached the industry for cooperation and investment in research and development ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) if not, reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b)&(c) : The Government has over the years, increased its cooperation with the industry by promoting and supporting research and development activities carried out by industry in association with national laboratories/institutions. Towards this, a number of promotional schemes/programmes have been evolved and fiscal incentives have been announced from time-to-time, which include weighted tax deduction, accelerated depreciation allowance, custom duty exemption, etc. Major promotional schemes/programmes include: Programme Aimed at Technological Self Reliance in DSIR; Technology Development Board, Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Research Programme and Home Grown Technology Programme in DST.

(d) &(e) : The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research(CSIR) interacts closely with Indian industry by offering them contract research, joint technology development, consultancy, testing, training, etc. Other Departments in the Ministry have also several programmes where funding is provided for projects of national interest on cost sharing basis as well as facilities such as soft loans, grants and equity participation are provided.

(f) : Does not arise.